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NEGRO ATHLETES MAKE GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN SUCCESS AND PRESTIGE IN 1960 OLYMPIC GAMES

Six out of Ten Gold Medals Won By Negro Athletes

More Honors Await Ralph Boston And Wilma Rudolph On Return To Their Home States

Rome, Italy, Sept. 12.—The 1960 Olympic games which came to an end here Sunday, and which brought to this ancient historic city more than 8000 participating athletes from practically every nation and from every corner of the earth saw American Negro athletes make their greatest and most outstanding contribution to the success and prestige of the United States in the history of the games.

In the eyes of many the most outstanding feat was the breaking of the 24 year old broad jump record set by another great American Negro athlete, Jesse Owens at the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin, Germany, to win the grudging salute of Adolf Hitler. This record was broken by Ralph Boston, of Laurel, Mississippi, wearing the colors of Tennessee State A & I University of Nashville, where he is a senior.

The great crowd that filled the stadium on the occasion was thrilled at the performance of the American Negro girl, also representing Tennessee State A & I University, who won three gold medals during the games. She

is Miss Wilma Rudolph, 130 pounds five feet, eleven inches tall, who didn't learn to walk until she was eight years old. Her greatest performance was in running the anchor leg of the 400 meter relay team.

The most satisfying victory was that of big Rafer Johnson, in winning the decathlon, who announced after his victory that he was through with the sports.

Otis Davis, of Los Angeles, California, added to American success and honors by winning a gold medal in running the anchor leg in the 400 meter men's relay.

In all, out of ten gold medals won by the United States, six of them were won by Negro athletes.

Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee, said at the close of the games, "We are outclassed in half the events on the Olympic program." "If it were not for our great Negro athletes we'd be second class now."

Tuskegee's Golden Tigers Begin Training For 1960 Season

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Facing the prospect of a tougher-than-usual schedule, Tuskegee Institute's Golden Tigers began training Thursday for the '60-'61 football season. The hard working team will kick off the season, September 24, meeting Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N. C.

Coach Whitney L. Van Cleve indicated that his team would be playing a much more demanding schedule, but added that it would be "a challenge to meet such stiff competition out of our conference. We realize that the first game will be no warmup."

Johnson C. Smith University and Hampton Institute have been added to the schedule. Both teams are members of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association. The Tigers' fortunes, says coach Van Cleve, will depend largely on the 18 lettermen returning in the Tuskegee football line-up. Among these lettermen will be Charles McGhee, fullback and Willie Williams, ace signal caller. Both players won honorable mention in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference last year.

Tuskegee has selected to play Hampton Institute for Homecoming on November 12. This promises to be one of the most thrilling sports events of the season, as Tuskegee meets one of its oldest colleagues on the gridiron.

Coach Van Cleve's Tigers chalked up a 4-1 record during last season's competition. Of the nine games scheduled for this year's football season, four will be played at home.



World Speed Queen Wilma Glodean Rudolph

Seven years ago, in a Clarksville (Tenn.) high school gymnasium, a skinny, 13-year-old girl stumbled over her feet, tripped on the basketball she was trying to dribble and landed in an eighty-nine-pound tangle at her coach's feet.

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"A skeeter," said the coach, shaking his head. "You are a skeeter, all right. You're little, you're fast and you always get in my way." Skeeter got up and tried again. Within two years she became an all-state basketball player at all-Negro Burt High. Within five years she was a 5-foot 11-inch young lady of charm and poise. And yesterday, after winning her third gold medal in the Rome Olympics, Wilma Glodean (Skeeter) Rudolph was acclaimed as the speediest woman in the world.

Miss Rudolph was born on June 23, 1940, in St. Bethlehem, Tenn., a tiny tobacco and corn community some 45 miles southeast of Nashville. She is the fifth of eight children of a 73-year-old retired porter and a domestic. The family, which included 11 children by her father's former marriage moved to a rented red-frame cottage on Kellogg Street in Clarksville soon after Wilma was born.

In the race to her speed laurels, Wilma got off to a poor start. She was four and a half pounds at birth and her parents were not sure she would survive. At 5 Wilma was stricken with double pneumonia and scarlet fever. She lost the use of one leg.

For two years, once a week Mrs. Rudolph would bundle her small child in a blanket and take a bus to Nashville clinic. At 6, wearing specially constructed shoes, Wilma could hop around on one leg. Slowly, she improved.

Then, when she was 11, one of Wilma's brothers set up a basketball hoop in the yard. "After that it was basketball, basketball," said Mrs. Rudolph yesterday. "Whenever I'd call her in to eat or to clean up around the house, Wilma would

be out in the yard having a big time."

At high school, Wilma came to the attention of C. C. Gray, the girls' basketball coach. She was a tanglefoot.

"I called her skeeter, short for mosquito. Always buzzing around," said Gray. "On the way to out-of-town games, she'd sit in the back of the school bus and tell jokes from one end of the trip to another."

In 1955 Wilma scored 863 points in 25 games, a record. That year, in the state tournament at Nashville, Wilma was discovered as a track prospect by accident.

Edward Temple, the women's track coach at Tennessee A. and I. State University, asked Gray to form a girls' track team at Burt so that one of the basketball forwards could be developed into a sprinter. Gray did, but the career of the forward never got out of the starting blocks. Wilma had suddenly discovered that running was even more fun than playing basketball.

In three years of high school track competition Wilma never lost. In summer, Gray drove Wilma to the Nashville clinic every day to work out with Temple. In 1957 she entered the all-Negro college.

Tennessee A. and I. is the cathedral of women's track in this country and Temple the high priest. Wilma soon became the most devoted disciple. She ran at least two hours a day while keeping up a B average in her major, elementary education, and working four hours a day in a campus office. In the summer, Temple held three workouts a day. The first was at 5 a.m.

Through it all, Wilma managed to have a social life, too. "Boys seem to like her, and every so often she seems to have a new one," Mrs. Temple said.

Wilma's romance with Ray Norton, the American sprinter, has been highly publicized during the Olympics. Norton, favored to win both Olympic sprints for men, finished last in each final.

Wilma seemed as unhappy over his losses as she was happy over her victories. A few minutes after she had won her third gold medal, Norton's error of passing the baton out of the zone in the 400-meter relay final caused a disqualification. Wilma cried.

In Clarksville, however, there was only joy. Mrs. Rudolph said she was getting so many telegrams that she couldn't finish her work.

A church group collected enough money to enable her to send a cablegram of congratulations to Wilma. The Mayor made plans for a "Skeeter Rudolph" day and a local shop was exhibiting 62 of Wilma's medals, cups and trophies. And Gray, who had untangled a little basketball player seven

Tougaloo Bulldogs Prep For Opener

The Tougaloo Southern Christian College Bulldogs have been hard at work since September 1, preparing for the Rust Bearcats of Holly Springs, Miss. Saturday September 17 at Tougaloo's Warren Field. The Bearcats are pre-season favorites, along with Bishop College of Marshall, Texas, to capture the Gulf Coast crown this season. Last season these same two teams opened at Holly Springs and the Bearcats came through with a hard earned 12 to 6 victory.

The Bulldogs have a souped-up offense augmented by the pinpoint throwing of Bob Moreland, a former Utica Institute quarterback who is the best signal caller the Red and Blue have had since Coach J. T. Braxton took over seven years ago. The Bulldogs also have the best crop of ball carriers they have ever had. Eddie O'Neal, the 198 pounder from Meridian, is back as the number one fullback; he is backed up by Mal Washington, 185 pound speedster from Collins and Fitz Wathie, a hold-over from last season.

Captain Ronnie Mosley, 188 pounder from Springfield, Ohio, is the number one right half and he is ably assisted by Huey Long, 190 pound battering ram from Memphis, Tenn. The other half is Powell Odie, former Lanier star, who is back after a season of ineligibility. The starting left half position is up for grabs—John Roberts, George West, John Morris, Jimmy Coleman, and Jesse Sturdivant are all vying a merry battle for the starting call. Jesse Sturdivant, a speedster from Meridian, can sew up the call if the cure is a bad case of "fumbleitis."

The Red and Blue are thin at the guards, tackles, and center but are well stocked at ends. Sylvester Tape of Greenville is back as is Les Daniels and Don Prentiss but the real find is a glue fingered dandy from Memphis, Tenn. He is John Rhodes, 195 pound, 6' 2 inches defensive demon. Rhodes looks like the finest all around end Tougaloo has had since Eugene Gaston finished three years ago. Other ends are Clarence Ewell of Columbus, Howard Sanders of Hollandale, and Robert Harris of

years ago, was ebullient as he confided: "I'm coaching her 15-year-old sister, Charlene. She's going to be even faster."

At present Tougaloo's backfield is excellent, with speed and depth; kicking is fair; passing is good, could be excellent; the line is thin. Forecast: If the team can get off on winning note could be the dark horse of the conference.

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Democratic committeeman from the District of Columbia, as a special assistant and had announced Reeves would accompany him on all campaign trips.

"Is he going to take Reeves with him into the South, and what will he do about hotels and eating places which still are segregated by state law?" Salinger was asked by a reporter representing southern newspapers.

"Our course will become evident when we travel South," was Salinger's only reply.

Pressed, Salinger said he would take up the question with Kennedy.

Jackson.

The Bulldogs were hard hit at the tackles losing Joe Coleman 215 pounds, Charles Simpson, 220 and Cecil Taylor, 225. There are three experienced hands, Elvia Brown, 212 of Bude, Jim Todd, 225 of Collins and Jim Harris, 202 of Benton. A newcomer Bob Bogan, 208, of Snow Hill, Ala. is sure to help out greatly. The Bulldogs lost three guards from last year's fine crop of freshmen, but Carl Bickom, the Yazoo City dynamo is back for one guard position and Dave Jones, the 195 pounder who showed so well in spring training, is a sure starter at the other. E. C. Lockhart and Clemon Cole, two freshmen, have the backer-up jobs for the starting pair. The center position, though thin, is manned by one of the best in the conference, 205 pounds John "Little Daddy" McKelphin. Mac is getting sensational support from Len Sutters, 195 pounder, taking his first crack at football.

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from more than 1,000 parents. Still Hopes For Accord
Mr. Galamison, a former president of the Brooklyn Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said he still had hopes that differences with school officials could be worked out in time to avoid the demonstration.

The Negro pastor asserted that the parents and children would not obstruct the entrances to the schools or interfere in any way with pedestrians. College students will look after children of working mothers, he said, and lunch will be provided for demonstrators.

Mr. Galamison listed the affected schools in a letter sent Monday to Deputy Police Commissioner Walter Arm. Mr. Arm said last night that he had not yet received the letter, but acknowledged that a recent meeting with Mr. Galamison he had requested the information so that police assignments could be made.

Cooperation Urged
In his letter, Mr. Galamison said to conduct our program in a peaceful and orderly fashion. "Our people have been instructed to cooperate with the Police Department and that they may expect courtesy and respect in return."

School officials had hoped that a new integration policy, announced last week, would mollify the parents' group. The new policy will enable 3,000 children now attending predominantly Negro and Puerto Rican junior high schools to transfer to white and integrated schools in other neighborhoods. By next September, the policy will be extended to some elementary schools.

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the transportation of the African students as a political gesture.

As a result the prospect loomed here this week that the Senate might take a peek into the whole matter.

The inquiry would be into how a campaign aide of Vice-President Nixon figured in a State Department's change of heart about

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beer.
Last night the rioters set fire to the office of the native administration, started grass fires to decoy police patrols and stoned a train.

A reward of 500 pounds (\$1,400) has been offered by the police for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons posting notices said to have incited the strike in Gatooma.

A spokesman said rewards would also be offered in other parts of the colony where violence occurred.

A. E. Abrahamson, Minister of Labor, said emergency conferences with Gatooma's police chief, civil commissioner, Mayor and clerk and with textile employers.

Capt. Luke Mutzigwa of the Salvation Army was assaulted last night. He fled with his family from their house and spent the night in the railway waiting room. Windows of the Salvation Army church building were broken.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mugwagwa, wife of a mill foreman, was seriously assaulted when a gang beat down the door of her house with an axe.

Gatooma's African school teachers, repeatedly molested, planned to form a barricade, camp for the defense of their families.

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